

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-67 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-67 were made subject to a restriction/election of species requirement.

The Examiner required restriction between Group I (including Claims 1-21) drawn to a method for hemostasis, and Group II (including Claims 22-67) drawn to a device for hemostasis.

Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (Claims 1-21) drawn to a method for hemostasis without traverse.

The non-elected Claims are withdrawn without traverse.

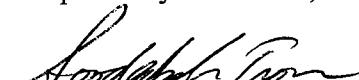
Thus, by way of the present amendment, Claims 1-67 are pending in the application; of which Claims 22-67 are withdrawn, and Claims 1-21 are under consideration.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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